

SLUG SLAVIN SAYS WE HAVE JUDASES

Pays His Respects to "Disloyals" and
"Sissywissies" Who Lose Govern-
ment Jobs and Whine.

Chicago, Sept. 6.—"Say, d'ya know sometimes I wonder if I hadn't better feel an' see if I ain't in bed" exclaimed Mr. Slug Slavin, as his furtive eye gave the cash register the once over when his new mixologist rang up the last purchase price. "On th' square, if politics wasn't such a lot of bull I'd believe I was in a trance about half th' time."

"Here I've been for a couple of years wonderin' if we wouldn't be at war with Germany or somebody else before mornin' broke again, wonderin' how Wilson was a-goin' to keep us out of th' Laroepan slaughter-house an' at th' same time make th' kaiser understand that he'd been talkin' long enough, an' he could now shut up an' pull his freight, or quit blowin' up passenger boats; an' a lot of judases right here in th' good ole U. S. A., instead of standin' by their president an' th' best country they ever knew or w'll ever get to know, they was a-doin' their blamst for th' king an' kaiser kind of government. Kin you beat it?"

"You know I like Germans awright. All us Irish like Germans. We can fight w th each other an' get along better than any people you ever heard of. Th' gink that thinks th' Irish an' th' Dutch they don't amount to much, has another think a-comin' to him. After th' Irish there ain't no better people than th' Dutch. Th' only trouble with them is they have been eatin' out of th' kaiser's hand too long. If th' d been in Ireland like us Irish fightin' for five hundred years for our liberty, they'd be read to fight the kaiser in th' slats instead of fightin' for him an' his kind. If they was a-fightin' for their country just like us Irish is always on th' job in th' Emerald Isle, I'd be for them from hell to breakfast."

A Stiff Upper Lip.
"Well, anyhow, while all of us in this country has been wonderin' an' sayin' we don't want to fight but if th' President says: 'come on everybody an' take a-hand,' I guess you'd a-found most of us out in front an' with enough of 'preparedness' around to make a pretty decent showin'." An' bo, take it from me, it certainly looked like th' main event was a-goin' to be pulled off on several different occasions. If we hadn't had a guy as President that had a stiff upper lip and th' right kind of a punch on h'm, we sure would have been in a fine mess today. What?"

"Not only that, but now an' then some smart aleck comes along an' says he's been as far away from home as South Chicago, an' he says, 'its just awful how some of them there foreigners talks about us, an' some of them laughs at us. An' I know they do because I saw them talkin' an' laughin' at me, an' I'm sure its because they don't like President Wilson.' Well, we sure do grow some queer freaks in this country, God knows we do. It must be th' sins of th' parents bein' visited on us, but whatever it is, its a shame to be lettin' th' likes of these freaks jump into th' yellow papers an' run-down th' own country."

"Durn th' foreigner I ever heard give th' U. S. A. th' laugh! Maybe they do it an' kin get away with it down in South Chicago, but they can't if any of us ever hears about it. There a'n't nobody what knows what it means, to be in one of them king-cursed countries an' tell th' natives you're an American and that hasn't been through the mill. We sure got th' glad hand. Say, we sure are th' popular children, believe me. Th' American eagle is as welcome as the flowers n May, an' th' sight of an American silver dollar will throw any ordinary foreign nobleman into a conviption fit! You bet. Believe me, bo, th' U. S. A. is aces up today in every country in th' world, thanks to your Uncle Woodrow! An' any gink that don't like this country ought to get his time-check, an' get it pronto!"

Thew Mud at Lincoln.
"My ole man useter tell us that when Lincoln was runnin' for re-election there was a lot of skunks sneakin' around throwin' mud at him, an' lyin' about him an' callin' him everything that that could lay their dirty tongues to."

"They was some awful lies told about that grand ole man, Abe Lincoln by jus th' same kind of people as them whas try'n to stick Hughes on us now. But, bo, you take it from me, th' people what makes up th' United States may be a bit slow in gettin' started, but once they get th' right idea and do start, Good Night Johanna, for whatever's in th' way."

"Hughes may be a nice man or an ice-man or anything else, but he sure don't make no hit with me when he comes around howlin' about some mutt los'n his job down in Wash'n ton. This gilly says he quit his job, awright, but he says, I didn't want to quit, its a good job, but if you want me to quit, I'll quit, but I'd rather not quit," he says.

"Awright said th' manager of th' job, 'you quit an' you'll save me th' trouble of firin' you, an' may be I k'n help you to get another job where maybe you'll be worth whatever they'll give you, an' I hope you are for you ain't worth your room around here. An' he says, 'I think so much of what you's been doin' around here,' he says 'that I've made up my mind that if you don't quit I'll close down on the job, for all the good you are,' he says 'an' outside of that, you're awright!"

"So, of course, th' guy he qu't, but now he's been whisperin' to Chollie an' Chollie thinks he's discovered something b'g, an' he's out late nights tellin' th' terribul scandal."

"S-s-s-sh," says he, as quiet as a locomotive whistle, or a caliope thing. 'I've got a terribul scandal, an' there's goin' to be the Devil to pay,' only Chollie never says 'Devil,' he says 'fudge' or 'pingpong' or somethin' about as wicked and terribul. An' he makes a helluva racket all about this guy gettin' canned till you'd think it

was something to talk about. You'd think maybe Hughes would have had time to know there's been a war on in Europe, that we've had a little racket close to home, that dynamiters have been runnin' loose a bit, an' that there's been a whole lot of grown up things to bother Wilson besides whether some sissywissy on th' government payroll had been given his release and a chance to go out in th' world and make an honest livin' at honest work.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY EXPENDITURES FOR JULY

During July 1916, Southern Railway company disbursed for labor, material, supplies and other purposes \$4,629,628, of which \$3,967,753 or 85.70% was paid to individuals and industries located in the South. Due to the progress made by the company in its improvements, large amounts were expended during the month for construction purposes; the total amount disbursed by the company during that month in the South was \$130,720 in excess of the total moneys contributed by the South for transportation purposes, according to figures announced by Comptroller A. H. Plant, showing the results of operation of the Company for the month of July 1916, compared with the same month in 1915 and 1914 exclusive of interest, rentals and other income charges. The comparison with 1914 is made for the reason that in 1915 the effect of the business depression was reflected through the revenues of the company.

Gross revenue, July 1916, \$5,481,475, an increase as compared with 1915 of \$181,919 or 3.43%, and a decrease as compared with 1914 of \$392,946 or 6.68%.

Operating expenses, taxes and uncollectible railway revenue, July 1916 \$4,199,648, an increase as compared with 1915 of \$264,947 or 6.73% and a decrease as compared with 1914 of \$455,795 or 9.79%.

In addition to the foregoing operating expenses, the company spent in July 1916, for improvements to its roadway and structures \$985,242.38 as against \$470,501.97 during July 1915 and \$291,692.62 during July 1914.

EGG-LAYING CONTEST.

An International Egg-Laying Contest will be started at Lexington, Ky., November 1st, by the Kentucky Experiment Station. It is planned to have fifty pens of hens, five birds in a pen, to compete in egg laying for the period of a year. The hens will be sent to the station by various breeders of poultry from all parts of America. The Barron Poultry Farm of England will be represented also with a fine pen.

Accurate records will be kept of the feed eaten and of the eggs laid by each pen and by each individual. Various breeds will compete and the results will be interesting and important and the records will be published by all the poultry papers in America. Every poultry breeder should write to the Experiment Station for an entry blank. The Experiment Station wants this spring's pullets entered. Five pullets and an alternate one constitute a pen. The poultry houses, which will constitute quite an aggregation, or village, of poultry structures will be erected in September. A special man has been employed to look after the birds.—National Stockman and Farmer

FAIRBANKS ACCEPTS SECOND NOMINATION.

For the second time in his public career Charles Warren Fairbanks Thursday accepted the nomination for vice president of the United States on the Republican ticket, in an address delivered on the lawn of his home.

Republican leaders from all parts of the country witnessed the ceremonies at Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Fairbanks was first nominated and elected vice president on the ticket with Theodore Roosevelt in 1904.

A rally at which National Chairman Willcox and Senator Sherman spoke closed the ceremonies. Both the notification and rally were attended by large crowds.

TURKEY HEN ADOPTS A YOUNG PARTRIDGE.

An unusual barnyard adoption was recently discovered in the barnyard family of B. W. Cloer, who resides several miles from Statesville. A turkey hen was the proud mother of five young turkeys. In her journeyings about the fields on the farm she in some way discovered a young partridge which she at once adopted as one of her brood. The little partridge may now be seen following the big turkey hen, with the rest of the brood answering the mother hen's call and hovering at night beneath the big foster mother's wings. The foster mother is rearing the adopted youngster with as much care as she shows the rest of her family.

WHY SHEEP HAVE WOOL.

If you want to ask a sheep where he got his wool and why, take a dog into a mountain pasture band, and if the sheep are afraid of the dog they will invariably run uphill rather than down. You have your answer. The ancestors of the domestic sheep, like wild sheep of the present day, lived among the mountains and needed their woolly covering to protect them against the constant cold of high atmospheres.

They chose the high and inhospitable region to live in because they found the fierce flesh-eating animals of the plains too strong for them. A proof of these facts is that the wool grows on a sheep the year round.—Chicago News.

FULL S. C. VOTE GIVES COLE BLEASE 22,000 LEAD.

With all votes reported except about 500 unofficial the following is the vote for the three leading candidates for governor of South Carolina: Blease, 63,679; Manning, 41,013; Cooper, 30,696. The total vote was 135,800.

Dr. J. W. Summers, a Charlotte physician, was last week found guilty of manslaughter on a charge growing out of an alleged criminal operation on a Greensboro girl.

County Teachers to Meet September 9th

The regular monthly meeting of the Henderson County teachers will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, in the auditorium of the graded school building in Hendersonville.

Dr. Wm. R. Kirk will address the teachers on some phase of sanitary science. Dr. Kirk is a scientific physician of recognized ability as well as a man possessing scholarly attainments along general lines. The teachers are asked to prepare carefully the chapter in Charter's "Teaching the Common Branches," on physiology and hygiene and agriculture.

I have asked Mr. T. F. Shipman to lead the discussion on physiology and hygiene and Mr. Jas. H. Pace to lead the discussion on agriculture.

All the teachers, teaching in Henderson county are not only urged to come, but are expected to attend these meetings.

The public is also cordially invited. By order of the committee.

W. S. SHITLE,
County Superintendent.

HATS OFF TO THE HUMBLE HEN!

The good old hen, the modest, the indomitable, the busy hen—she of the red comb—to her would I write an apostrophe! More paradoxes could be written of her than of any other animal on the farm. She earns more in proportion to her cost and is given less credit than the horse, the cow, the sheep or pig. She works harder, gets up earlier, attends to her own business better, while less thought is given to her comfort than to any animal on the farm. She picks up what nothing else wants and what no other animal would find. She pays in cashable product each day for what she picked up the day before. Her contributions to the breakfast table and to the credit side of the grocery bill are regularly made, for which she receives scant thanks; yet she sings and cackles and goes uncomplainingly on her way. She deserves more than she gets, and she gets what she wants by going after it. God bless the humble hen; she is one of man's best and most neglected friends.

Fifty hens paying a net-profit of \$1.50 each save \$75 from going on the charge account at the store for groceries. It does not follow from this that one thousand hens would pay a profit of \$1,500, however. The \$75 may mean just about that much added to the net profits of the farm by reason of the fact that the care and feed of the flock was purely incidental to the operations of the farm, and really represented no additional cost for labor or feed.

The cow, the pig and the hen, the indomitable trio that has saved the farm to many a homesteader, of these not the least the humble hen.—D. E. Willard, N. P. Ry. Development Agent in Dakota Farmer.

GROWTH OF EXTENSION WORK.

An increase since the beginning of the present calendar year from approximately 6,800 to 15,455 in the number of women in the South enrolled in home demonstration work, carried on under the auspices of the department and State agricultural colleges, is shown in figures for enrollment, June 30, 1916, just announced by the Office of Extension Work South. In the same period, the number of girls enrolled in the canning, poultry, and other agricultural clubs carried on under the supervision of the same office increased from approximately 42,500 to 47,740.

The extension work among girls and women was being carried on at the end of the fiscal year in 420 counties in all of the 15 Southern States, through 420 county agents and 50 specialists. In addition, North Carolina had 200 sub-agents said Alabama 15 assistant county agents, who devoted their time to the extension activities. The largest enrollment of the girl demonstrators was in the canning clubs, which had 32,965 members. In the poultry clubs 10,205 girls are learning, through their local groups, under expert leadership, the details of raising domestic fowls. In the clubs devoted to bread making 3,721 girls were enrolled, and in other clubs, 858.

TO SUE TOWN OF BEAUFORT.

Reports coming to New Bern from Beaufort are to the effect that Rev. W. B. Woodell, who has been conducting a revival there for the past few weeks and who was asked to leave after he had made some remarks which were not to the liking of the members of the North Carolina National Guard a few days ago, is planning to sue the town for damages in the sum of twelve thousand dollars.

When the evangelist, who was conducting a meeting under a tent, was invited to seek pastures new he declined the invitation and his decision to sue, so it is said, followed.

Just when the case will come up is unknown.

EXAGGERATION.

Chairman Hay, of the House Military Committee, was talking about industrial preparedness, according to the Washington Star.

"Our bill for industrial preparedness," he said, "will do a lot, but it won't take the place of an army and navy. There has been exaggerated talk about this bill—talk that reminds me of the Arizona man. In a dry, dusty region of Arizona a tourist said to a dry, dusty native:

"Doesn't it ever rain here in Arizona?"

"Rain?" said the native, "rain? Why, stranger, we got bullfrogs in Arizona over eight years old that hain't learned to swim yet."

Optimistic Thought.

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